

MEDIA RELEASE

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I love a clean Chollas Creek! Community partners join Councilmember Hueso to clean-up a polluted and hazardous creek

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WHEN: Saturday, September 15th, 2007- 9:00 a.m.

WHAT: Several creeks within the City of San Diego are in disarray with weeds, arundo,

trash, and homeless encampments encroaching upon them. Councilmember Ben Hueso steps into action by doing his part to clean up one of the most polluted creeks in San Diego. He along with several community partners are joining in an effort to TAKE BACK CHOLLAS CREEK and create a cleaner,

greener, and safer community for the residents of Southcrest.

"While this cleanup is only the beginning, it's exciting to see so many community residents, businesses and environmental groups come together to take charge and take back the community," said Councilmember Ben Hueso.

"It's great to see so much energy from the Southcrest community and a list of diverse stakeholders focused on restoring Chollas Creek -with a common vision to transform it into a linear park with walkways and a more natural creek setting," said Eric Bowlby with the Sierra Club.

WHO: Councilmember Ben Hueso, I Love a Clean San Diego, NASSCO, Sierra Club,

Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek, Urban Corps of San Diego, Friends of

Chollas Creek and several community church groups.

WHERE: 4166 National Avenue in the

Nu-Way Intl. Christian Ministries Church Parking Lot